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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR MICHALKE KIDNAPPING

REF: ADDIS ABABA 14712 (NOTAL)

1. THERE WERE NO QUERIES ABOUT MICHALKE KIDNAPPING AT  
DECEMBER 22 NOON PRESS BRIEFING, NOR DID ANYTHING  
APPEAR IN PRESS. DEPT WILL GIVE FOLLOWING STATEMENT  
TO PRESS ON DECEMBER 23:

QUOTE: ON DECEMBER 21ST MR. RONALD B. MICHALKE  
(ME-SHALL-KEY), WAS SEIZED IN ASMARA BY SEVERAL  
UNIDENTIFIED MEN. MICHALKE IS A CIVILIAN WHO WORKS FOR  
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THE COLLINS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMPANY AS A COMMUNICA-  
TOR. HE IS FROM MABEL, MINNESOTA. THUS FAR WE HAVE NO  
INFORMATION ON MICHALKE'S WHEREABOUTS OR ABOUT THE PRE-  
CISE IDENTITY OF THE GROUP HOLDING HIM. WE ARE IN TOUCH  
WITH THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE

2. DEPT HAS NOTIFIED MICHALKE'S MOTHER, MRS. EESIE  
MICHALKE OF MABEL, MINN., AS WELL AS OTHER CLOSE RELATIVES  
ON DECEMBER 21. KISSINGER

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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\* CONFIDENTIAL

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